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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of FY 61 production, Department of the Interior

1. With reference to attached SC papers and with Mr. Clinton's remarks made at the 10 January NIS Committee meeting, I called Mr. Pehrson this date to inform him of my concern over the lagging production at mid-year, and also gave him the essence of Mr. Clinton's remarks made at the 10 Jan NIS Committee meeting. Mr. Pehrson said that he had been in touch with Mr. Gealy about this matter in the past few days and that, while Mr. Pehrson himself is not satisfied that everything has been done to clear up the backlog, Mr. Gealy thought that matters were generally in hand. Mr. Pehrson also said that he had tightened up controls and was personally monitoring the NIS production in Interior. At my request he said he would call me after the present measures which he has instituted have been in effect for a sufficient time to determine their effectiveness.

2. I asked him further to let me know if there were any matters in which I could be helpful and invited him to attend a meeting of interested parties if it would assist in any way to improve the production situation in Interior.

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3. I informed Mr. Clinton and [REDACTED] of the above conversation.

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